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POLLUTION CONTROL IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the fact that the Pollution Control Board has been unsuccessful in controlling the pollution in various States of the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that embezzlement of crores of rupees has been made in the name of issuing 'No Objection Certificate' by the Pollution Control Board in various States;

(d) if so, the concrete measures being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government will take action against the erring officers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b)No Sir. Due to various abatement measures taken by the Central and State Pollution Control Boards, the increasing trend in pollution in the country has been arrested with categorical improvement in environmental quality as determined by competent scientific institutions. The major initiatives taken by Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board in this regard inter-alia include the following :

(i) Persuading local bodies for proper management of municipal solid waste;

(ii) Ensuring proper hazardous waste management in the state including setting up of common facilities for management of hazardous waste;

(iii) Granting authorizations to 7000 health care establishments and facilitating development of 22 common facilities for bio-medical waste management;

(iv) Establishment of 23 air quality monitoring stations in different cities; and

(v) Expeditious action for consent management.
(c) No Sir.

(d) & (e)Does not arise.